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SUBJECT: (C) CROATIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO TRAVEL TO IRAQ IN JULY/AUGUST

REF: A. ZAGREB 634

[¶](#)B. ZAGREB 741

Classified By: CDA Greg Delawie for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

[¶](#)1. (C) Ambassador-designate Jerko Vukas, MFA Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs Pjer Simunovic, and another MFA official will travel to Baghdad for three days sometime between July 23 and August 1, Simunovic told DCM June 29. The GOC has been working with the Polish government, which has generously agreed to support all logistics and security requirements for the visit. The Iraqi ambassador in Warsaw has agreed to try to facilitate Vukas' presentation of credentials to the president; exact timing of the visit depends on when the credentials ceremony could happen.

[¶](#)2. (C) The Croatian delegation hopes to see the Iraqi President, new Prime Minister, Foreign Minister, the oil ministry, the economic ministry, the US embassy, the US military (for a security briefing), and the European Commission representation, Simunovic said. The Polish embassy in Baghdad will help arrange the meetings with the Iraqis, he said; however, he asked Embassy Zagreb to notify Embassy Baghdad of the requests for meetings with it and the US military.

[¶](#)3. (C) Vukas would not be resident in Baghdad at this point, Simunovic said, due to the cost of maintaining security there.

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